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This electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on issues affecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

by DWR, USGS starts tomorrow

Beginning tomorrow, Nov. 14, the Department of Water Resources and U.S. Geological Survey will release the first of 6,000 tagged juvenile salmon in the Sacramento River in Old Sacramento. It's the beginning of the largest environmental experiment to track salmon in the Delta. Scientists will track the fish through the Delta over the next three months using unmanned, robotic boats and electronic gear. A technical paper on the study can be found here.

What's this year's water year going to be like?

As part of efforts to address the state's drought, the Department of Water Resources will hold its first Winter Outlook Workshop Nov. 21 in San Diego. The workshop brings together scientists to provide state water managers with an accurate prediction for water year 2009, which runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30. The workshop will run from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It will be webcast; find details here.

Delta Vision workshop will be Web cast from Long Beach A workshop of the Delta Vision Committee will be held Friday, Nov. 21, at the Long Beach Convention Center. The session will discuss the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force Strategic Plan and a draft Delta Vision Committee Implementation Plan. The workshop is going to be Web cast from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can find an agenda and Web cast information here.

Dutch Slough restoration EIR due after Nov. 20

DWR will release a draft environmental impact report on the Dutch Slough Restoration Project after Nov. 20. The project will restore marsh and wetlands on nearly 1,200 acres in Oakley in eastern Contra Costa County. A public meeting will be held on Dec. 11 in Oakley at 1 p.m. in City Hall. Click here for more information.

Delta Protection
Commission sets
meeting date

The Delta Protection Commission will meet next Thursday, Nov. 20, at 5:30 p.m. in Stockton at the San Joaquin County WorkNet Building, 56 S. Lincoln St. The agenda for the meeting has been posted on the DPC Web site. Included on the agenda is a presentation from four Delta counties and an update on the Delta Trail project.

DWR to explain IRWM funding programs at Sacramento workshop

DWR will hold a workshop in Sacramento next Wednesday, Nov. 19, to discuss how the department plans to award Prop. 84 Integrated Regional Water Management implementation grants and Prop. 1E Stormwater Flood Management grants. The workshop will be held to open discussions with potential grant applicants. The session, one of three statewide, will be webcast. During the webcast, listeners can e-mail comments or questions. Find details here.

BDCP panel announces holiday meeting schedule The Steering Committee of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) has changed its meeting schedule because of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The meetings — held at the California Farm Bureau in Sacramento — have been scheduled for tomorrow (Nov. 14) Nov. 21, and Dec. 5, 12, and 19. Also, the meeting summaries from the last two landowner meetings will be posted here soon.



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